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MEMORANDUM FOR AFCIN-2B

Attn: Major Marvin M. Glass

SUBJECT: Air Force Position on Soviet Earth Satellite Reconnaissance  
Vehicle

1. In view of the much heavier than expected weight of the current Soviet Earth Satellite Vehicle (ESV), there have been several informal inquiries from persons associated with the Board of National Estimates, as well as Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) members, as to whether the time estimate for the reconnaissance satellite should be shortened.

2. There has also been some informal discussion as to the Soviet requirement for such a reconnaissance vehicle in as much as they can have relatively free and easy access to the US and her allies, and any satellite providing some geodesy information.

3. It is requested that the undersigned be provided the Air Force position on these matters by 6 November. There will be a routine GMIC meeting on 7 November at which this subject might arise.

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USAF review(s) completed.

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